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FM AMEMBASSY SAIGON

TO SECSTATE WASHDC NIACT IMMEDIATE 3574

INFO AMEMBASSY CANBERRA IMMEDIATE

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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: CGEN, EAIR, MILI, VS

SUBJECT: AIR VIET-NAM CRASH NEAR PLEIKU

1. REGULARLY SCHEDULED AIR VIET-NAM DC-4 FLYING FROM VIENTIANE TO SAIGON MARCH 12 CRASHED IN PLEIKU PROVINCE IN THE VICINITY OF ZA 055275 (ABOUT 25 KM SOUTHWEST OF PLEIKU CITY) ABOUT 1830 HOURS LOCAL.

2. AIR VIET-NAM INFORMED US LATE LAST EVENING THERE WERE NINETEEN PASSENGERS AND SIX CREW ON THE FLIGHT. FLIGHT MANIFEST OBTAINED FROM AIR VIET-NAM THIS MORNING LISTS 25 PASSENGERS, INCLUDING FOUR US. WE HAVE DETERMINED, HOWEVER, THAT THERE WERE THREE AMERICANS ABOARD: G.MILLER, USAID/VIENTIANE; EDWARD DOLAN; AND R.SEIDL -- LATTER TWO NO FURTHER IDENTIFIED. WE HAVE JUST RECEIVED INFORMATION THAT DOLAN, AND PERHAPS SEIDL, MAY HAVE BEEN ASSOCIATED WITH MOORE BUSINESS FORMS COMPANY. WE HAVE DETERMINED THAT FOURTH US SHOWN ON THE MANIFEST (J. LEWIS) IS ACTUALLY GRAEME LEWIS, AUSTRALIAN CHARGE IN HANOI.

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3. THERE HAVE BEEN REPORTS TO EFFECT PLANE WAS SHOT DOWN.
WE HAVE NO CONFIRMATION OF THAT. WE ARE SEEKING INFORMATION AS
TO CAUSE OF CRASH.

4. WE HAVE JUST BEEN INFORMED THAT A VIETNAMESE SEARCH TEAM HAS
NOW REACHED THE CRASH SITE AND REPORTS THAT ALL ABOARD ARE DEAD.
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